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Marginal Column

By MAURICE GARE

Vatican Sees Good Chance to Renew Argentine Ties

FOR the first time in years Jewish leaders from Eastern Europe — from Poland, Rumania, Bulgaria and others in Warsaw and Moscow, to take part in the World Jewish Conference Against German Rearmament in Paris last week. Altogether more than 70 delegates attended, including representatives from Israel, France, Great Britain, Belgium, Italy, Switzerland, Czechoslovakia, Brazil and Australia. In addition to issuing an appeal to "all Jews everywhere," the conference decided to submit a memorandum, and possibly to send a delegation, to the forthcoming "summit" meeting in Geneva of the Four Great Powers.

NO less remarkable than the re-emergence of East European Jews from their isolation — incidentally, the "Iron Curtain" delegates received French visas only two days before the opening of the conference and took the first available "planes to Paris" — was the participation in the proceedings of prominent anti-Communist Western Jews, such as French Senator H. Torres, Gaullist leader and eminent lawyer, British Rabbi Joseph Litvin, editor of " Gates of Zion," and a senior officer of the Western armed forces, the writer and Communist party member. They pointed out that they considered it their absolute moral duty to swell the chorus of Jewish protest against the reconstitution of a Wehrmacht. The Israeli delegates, were members of Mapam, Achad HaAvodah and the Communist parties, including the poet, Avram Shilonay.

INVITATIONS addressed by the French sponsors of the conference, under the chairmanship of the Zionist leader Maitre Andre Blumel, to the Jewries of Soviet Russia, Czechoslovakia and Hungary, elicited nothing more than benedictory telegrams from the respective Chief Rabbis of Moscow and Prague, but no response at all came from Budapest. If the diverse reactions from the various East European countries emphasized the absence of uniformity in Communist policy towards the Jews, the Polish and Rumanian delegations indicated instead that the cold war "there" is fast, is bound to encourage increasing contacts between Eastern and Western Jewries.

Dulles Charges Int'l Communism With Despotism in East Europe

SAN FRANCISCO, Saturday. — Denunciation of "international Communism" for "the unnatural division" of Germany, and the subjection of East European nations to "despotism," was made yesterday by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, in a speech to the 10th anniversary session of the U.N.

Molotov Queried On Jewish Emigration

SAN FRANCISCO, Saturday (UPI). — At a press conference today, a reporter asked Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov if there could be "some relaxation" of Soviet emigration laws so that Jews could leave Russia to join "Zionists" in Israel. Mr. Molotov answered that the "question" could best be looked into by the appropriate representative.

(Reuter, UP)

Soviet Jets Down US Plane Off Alaska

SAN FRANCISCO, Saturday (UPI). — Secretary of State John Foster Dulles last night took up personally with the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov, the shooting down by Soviet jet fighters at a U.S. plane which crashed and burned at St. Lawrence Island off Alaska on Wednesday, a State Department spokesman disclosed today.

The two talked for about 15 minutes in the private office of the President of the U.N. 10th anniversary session. He urged speed removal of obstacles to the admission of "those nations justly entitled to membership." He noted the lack of German unification as constituting "a grave injustice" which cannot be continued without bringing more evil in its wake. Eastern Europe, which was liberated from one despotism, is now again subjected to another. In Asia, China became an aggressor. But he pointed out that the immediate threat of war "has receded" although the Asian situation cannot be regarded with equanimity.

Ex-President Harry Truman said that the most significant development of recent times has been the growing power and influence of the U.N. General Assembly "where the force of world opinion is brought to bear upon the solution of really vital issues." He urged speedy removal of obstacles to the admission of "those nations justly entitled to membership."

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Cyprus Police Given 'Shoot to Kill' Orders

By IREK K. BURNELL
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NICOSIA, Saturday. — Police stations throughout Cyprus were today instructed to "shoot to kill" as tension mounted following week-long terrorist attacks aimed at British institutions and the police force. It is believed that the order was issued to build up police morale following the murder of Police Sergeant Demosthenous, and the wounding of a number of policemen in raids against police stations.

Last night, Police Commissioner George Robins announced the offer of £1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the Democratic Resistance.

The latest attack took place in the early hours of this morning against the Kouklia police station near Paphos — the site where excavators are searching for the Temple of Apollo.

Three men were armed with machine guns and a lightening raid, police shot back and the attackers fled.

The newest wave of terror started last Sunday. Casualties so far total two deaths with Cyprus Greeks, and 27 wounded.

He said that during the revolt, the immediate aim of which was to assassinate him, one battalion of marines who attacked Government House, had been defeated, most of them being arrested, and it is believed that they were fighting to liberate him.

The President appealed to all Argentines to give up bellicose attitudes and seek within the law a solution to all their spiritual and material problems.

Argentines were surprised to hear no reference in last night's news bulletin to any Cabinet reshuffle. Instead, the bulletin was devoted mainly to the activities of government departments.

At the suggestion of President Peron, the Army Minister, General Franklin Lucero, had offered plots of land to any soldier willing to till them.

(Reports from Nicosia, capital of Cyprus, U.S. Embassy, London)

Pest Menaces Syrian And Egyptian Cotton

LONDON, Saturday (Reuters). —

Mr. Tuli Jakova, Albanian Deputy-Premier, and Mr. Bedri Spahiu, Minister of Education and Culture, have been relieved of their functions "for not having been up to their tasks," TASS reported from Tirana yesterday.

They were relieved by decree of the Presidium of the Albanian National Assembly.

Mr. Koco Theodori, former Minister of Industry and Mines, has been appointed Deputy Premier, and Mr. Ramisa Ali, Minister of Education and Culture.

Emergency measures are now under way in Egypt and Syria to combat the cotton worm, now threatening to ruin crops in both countries.

While the "cotton worm and the people's duty to fight it" was the central theme read out in Egyptian mosques on Friday, peasants, men, women and children, with sticks and backs under a scorching sun picked up millions of egg masses in cotton plantations in Upper Egypt and throughout the Nile delta.

Agriculture Minister Abdul Razzaq Sidki described the situation as very serious and called for vigilance during the critical pre-hatching stage.

In Syria, the Cabinet met on Friday, and decreed mobilization of all potentialities to save the cotton crop, including requests to Germany and to the U.S. and other cotton-growing countries to send experts and chemicals to check the pest. After the four-hour meeting, Gen. Shawkat Shukel, the Chief of Staff, announced the possibility of a general mobilization order to enable the Army to join in the fight.

Economy Minister Farher Karim has announced that the situation is critical because, following the winter drought which has brought about an economic crisis, the worm is threatening virtual destruction of the cotton crop, on which hopes had been placed for a partial economic recovery.

(TASS, TASS, Reuters)

SPIES SAID SEIZED IN HUNGARY

LONDON, Saturday (UPI). — A group of American "spies and diversionists" has been rounded up, Budapest Radio announced today.

The arrests were made at Kuusamo, East Finland, the day before the opening of a Communist-dominated World Peace Congress here which 2,000 delegates from 90 nations are attending.

Five men were seized in a series of arrests and held for trial.

Police had discovered a cache of arms, ammunition and bundles of literature issued by Radio Free Europe. The group will be put on trial soon, the radio added.

NATIONALIST PLANES KILL 6 FISHERMEN

HONG KONG, Saturday (Reuters). — The Chinese news agency has reported that Nationalist F-87 planes killed six fishermen, wounded seven more and damaged three boats when they attacked fishing boats in Chiensao on Namao Island, off Kwantung province, on Wednesday.

The conference began yesterday and, according to usually reliable sources, will probably end today with a communiqué being issued on Monday.

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Understanding Shows TO ISRAEL: EBAN

SAN FRANCISCO, Saturday (UPI). — The Israel Ambassador, Mr. Abba Eban, in an interview, today hoped that the U.N. commemorative meeting and recent negotiations settlements would bring peace to the "wall of silence" around the Arab-Israel dispute.

He said that the delegations to the meeting had shown "very great sympathy" to Israel's cause,

Ho Chi Minh Meets Mao

HONG KONG, Saturday. — The North Vietnamese leader, Mr. Ho Chi Minh, who is visiting Peking, called on Mr. Mao Tse-tung today, while President Eisenhower conferred with State and Defense Department officials. He will leave the U.S. on July 16. (UPI, UP)

A FOX TERRIER

which was tied to a deck chair on the Tel Aviv Beach opposite the Dan Hotel at about 7 p.m. last Friday.

The owner of the dog is urgently requested to call upon the father of the child, Mr. Ze'ev Chodor, third floor 521, Rehov Yavne, Tel Aviv, to give information about the condition of the dog.

No proceedings will be taken against the owner.

U NU EXPRESSES LOVE FOR ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Saturday. — "Love" for Israel, and warm appreciation of their "energetic" labors in building their land, were expressed here yesterday by Prime Minister U Nu of Burma after his arrival on a three-week visit.

He will go to Washington Wednesday to confer with President Eisenhower and State Department officials. He will leave the U.S. on July 16. (UPI, UP)

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(A) Highest at 2 p.m. (B) Wind speed. (C) Maximum yesterday. (D) Maximum temp. expected today.

Wage Earners Now Paying 42 p.c. Of All Income Taxes—Eshkol

HAIFA. Saturday.—While wage earners had once paid 55 per cent of the income tax, their share today is only 43 per cent. Minister of Finance Levi Eshkol told a Mapai election meeting here today. He was speaking on "The Citizen and the State."

Mapai Warns Members Against Irresponsibility

TEL AVIV. Saturday.—Mapai tonight warned its members, leaders and uncompromising doctors, lecturers at the University, administrative officials, and various groups of academic employees, that any splinter group action which they are about to take flies in the face of decisions of the authorized committee of the Histadrut and is irresponsible. Such action cannot be reconciled with membership of the Party and civil discipline, the declaration said.

Protest meetings and warning strikes of academic and administrative employees in the Civil Service and public institutions in support of their wage demands, will take place in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa at 11:30 a.m. tomorrow. The Coordinating Committee of Academic and Administrative Employees' Unions has announced.

On Friday, the Coordinating Committee sent a letter to the Prime Minister rebuffing his statement on the salary demands in the Knesset last Wednesday, and demanding immediate action on its claims.

French Expert For Meteorological Service

Mr. Henri Treussart of France has arrived in Israel on behalf of the World Meteorological Organization. He is to assist the Meteorological Service in setting up a "Radio-Sonde Station" under the auspices of the expanded programme of U.N. technical assistance. This station will be part of the international network of stations for meteorological and temperature of the stratosphere up to the lower layers of the stratosphere by means of balloons and automatic transmitters. Such information is of great importance to aviation and other users of meteorological information.

M. Treussart, who is the chief of the experimental section of the French Meteorological Service, has extensive experience in this field of work, having set up similar stations in the Antarctic and the Sahara Desert. He will remain here for three months and will also teach local personnel how to handle the instruments.

A Greek meteorologist, Mr. G. Lantz, arrived at the same time on a U.N. fellowship to study under M. Treussart and with the Israel Meteorological Service.

Bruno Gumpel

Toronto, Canada

Simona Bukin

Buenos Aires, Argentina

Engaged

Jerusalem, June 26, 1955.

(Lt.) Hanna Mazursky (Sgt.) Paul Back

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Budapest

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Jerusalem, June 26, 1955.

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Moshe Bialy and his beloved family wish to thank the numerous relatives and friends who sent expressions of condolence.

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express their deepest sympathy to
Mr. DAVID MALLAH
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MOTHER

Our beloved husband, father, brother and uncle

MAURICE HAMALIN

died away yesterday at the Hadassah Hospital, Petach Tikva in his 88th year. The funeral will leave the hospital at 4 p.m. today.

In deep sorrow

Mrs. Esther Hamalin and daughter
Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Hamalin
Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Metzger and family
Mr. David Goldstein.

We deeply mourn the passing away of

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Tel Aviv Betar Edges Petah Tikva Hapoel, 2-1

TEL AVIV. Saturday.—The biggest draw in League A football today was the game between Tel Aviv Betar and Petah Tikva Hapoel, resulting in a 2-1 win for the Tel Aviv side, after a half time score of 1-0.

Jlem C.C. Scraps First Innings Points

By AKIVA KALMAN

In a battle of wits, Jerusalem Cricket Club gained first innings points, in its first League match away at Tel Hashomer, against the strong Tel Aviv C.C. set-up.

The main honours went to the home team, Tel Aviv C.C., outside

for the first time in its history,

but the second head

in Chuzy, inside left, from

a corner kick. One minute later

Tikva repeated this performance,

scoring its only

goal also from a corner kick,

headed in by Strelman. Inside

right, the Betar victory has

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Over 5,000 spectators crowded

the Jaffa Stadium to see the

match, with troupes Petah Tikva

with fans and more virile

play. The first goal was

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THE Haifa film festival which opened on Thursday with the presentation of two Israeli films gives an indication that

the local cinema industry is at last beginning to

struggle to its infant feet in this country. The films which have been made here so far vary greatly in merit. Some have been supported by budgets of great dimensions for a country the size of ours with its limited expectations of rentals and the vague promise of revenue receipts from foreign performances. Other films have been brought in on modest budgets and have yet made a distinct impression of promise and artistic merit. Judging from individual shots and other glimpses of brilliant technique, what has been proven so far is that the talent is here, and Israel only needs the right circumstances for development.

Nothing they say, succeeds like success, and nothing fails like the attempt to imitate success. The Israeli film industry has still to find the way to a truly Israeli line in film in the same way as the French, Russians and Italians found theirs. Such an individual dual line is the surest passport to the film theatres of the world whose audiences want to see something different, not a poor or even brilliant imitation of what they can do themselves or what they have become accustomed to from Hollywood.

One way in which Israel may begin to look for this line is to try to find stories which are not written by a writer with one eye squinting at the Diaspora and the other at the Israeli scene. This perhaps was the basic fault with "Hill 24" as it has been with most of the propaganda films made here. A story in which the scenario writer forgets that he is in Israel because he has no propaganda obsession, driving him to remember it will be the story of the first great Israeli film.

The Knesset, in an attempt to encourage one section of the Israeli film industry, the newsmen, has made it obligatory for a fixed proportion of screen time in local cinemas to be given to this product. This method, the experience of other countries has shown, has never succeeded in doing anything except keep people away from the cinema. Britain tried it with disastrous results, and British films in the twenties sunk to a record low level of quality. The Israeli newsmen will have to avoid cheapness in approach and in some of its commentaries before it can seriously consider itself as a real factor in the film business. It is true that the companies are starved financially and that, because copies of films are limited, many cinemas cannot show newsmen until several months after the events they depict have been forgotten. There is no doubt that these are technical matters which should be dealt with by the appropriate department of the Prime Minister's Office and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. And let us have a strictly rationed number of shots in each reel of Ministers laying corner-stones or visiting factories, or else audiences may begin to show their disapproval in an unpleasant manner. The basic fact remains, that one cannot legislate a cure for these ills.

It is also suggested by the newsmen companies that a government subsidy ought to be given to newsmen which in present circumstances cannot possibly be made to pay. This takes a very narrow view of the situation of the Israeli film in general. If there is a case for a subsidy, it must apply to the whole of film making in Israel and should be designed to make it possible for an authentic, native film art to develop here. It is, after all, not really newsmen who are the best and most effective means of bringing Israel to the eyes of the world, which is the claim that newsmen often make for themselves. A film with an absorbing story showing the life of ordinary men and women as lived, with the Israel scene coming in quite incidentally, as background, is by far the best sort of propaganda.

Parliamentary Report

Amity in Army Code Bill Debate

By LEA BEN-DOR

WHEN one remembers the belligerent atmosphere in which the Army Code was discussed in the Knesset at its first reading last year, the calm and peaceful debate on the same passage of the Bill last Tuesday was remarkable. The special Committee, presided over by Mr. Y. Shapiro (Mapai) invested an enormous amount of time and energy in making changes and amendments were introduced; repeatedly members of the Opposition, in presenting further amendments, agreed that most of their objections had already been met. Only the Communists voted against the Bill in the end, while Mapai abstained. The Knesset as a whole taking a holiday from electioneering and settling down to sober work on this occasion. The bill has been in force since August 1. Beyond that, he wished to warn all those concerned that indiscriminate raising of wages would very likely lead to renewed inflation and higher wages now in force might not fail to make an impression, and certainly no one could have accused him of speaking with any eye to any election gallery.

AT THE week's concentrated work in which a great many things were successfully dealt with, the Knesset returned once more to the incorporation of Amishav with Petah Tikva, which raised such a storm in the previous week. The debate offered further opportunities for plain speaking to Mr. Saphir, General Zion-

Review Before Execution

Probably the most striking example of the lion lying down with the lamb in the preparation of the law was the sight of Mr. Ben-Gurion, leading the platform in support of the minority amendment proposed by the Herut leader, Mr. Meir Begin. The latter, in his short and pointed speech, said he saw little purpose in automatically revoking the death sentence meted out by Field Court Martialists after they had already been carried out — sentence should be pronounced, but not carried out. Mr. Ben-Gurion, however, was strongly in favour of the death penalty where national security is involved, was equally outspoken in favour of Mr. Begin's amendment. While this discussion was in progress it was difficult to restrain the enthusiasm of the hasty execution after a field trial, of Meir Turshansky during the War of Liberation and the subsequent squashing of the sentence for improper procedure at the trial, at the initiative of Mr. Ben-Gurion himself. The tragic sequence of events at that time certainly lent strength to Mr. Begin's argument.

The law in cases of military treason has, however, been made more elastic than in the original draft. In this place, there is now no minimum punishment that is obligatory on the court if the accused is found guilty, which means that extenuating circumstances of all kinds may be taken into consideration.

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I do not desire to detract from the merit of Mr. Gurvin's temporary efforts for unity. At the same time it may be of interest to note what a leading authority on Haifaans history has to say on the example which Mr. Gurvin cites as a warning. The following is a quotation from "The Macmillan," by Eliot Bickerman (New York, 1947):

Historians since Flavius have went to ascribe the fall of the Roman Empire to internal strife. "Hygiene and hygiene are responsible for this disaster in Jerusalem. Therefore we have lost our liberty and become subject to Rome."

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Mr. Zalman Warhaftig, the Deputy Minister of Religious Affairs, came with a number of complaints, most of them not strictly of a military nature. He asked, for instance, for the inclusion of a directive that where a soldier had conscientious objection to the law for reasons of conscience, this fact should be taken into consideration. (The 1948 Haganah Code contained a provision that punishment could be lightened in such cases while it is not sufficient provision for religious observance to render this ruling unnecessary.) The amendment was voted down, but not before Mr. Shapiro had replied that the courts were of course allowed to take into account reasonable arguments into consideration before establishing guilt. He added that if a man felt obliged to obey the dictates of his conscience over if this brought him into conflict with the law he was presumably also willing to bear the punishment involved.

However, there is no denying that Robert Baser is an aesthete of excellent taste. All his pictures are well balanced and show an unerring sense of colour. In some of his water colours Baser even produces a ductus of his own and they are original enough to be identified by his work even if they were unsigned.

THE "Black and White" Exhibition, simultaneously on show at the Artists House, cannot be accepted as representative of the graphic artist of Jerusalem. Even as a "Sales Show" it is a poor effort. Given the opportunity I myself would only be tempted to call the "grey" Krakauer. Most of the living prominent members have not participated. Others have sent sub-standard works. Thus, for once, it seems more charitable to adopt the old adage "No Name, No Rack-drill."

HOWEVER, there is an artistic event of real importance to report: The rededication of the Cafe Vienna in Jerusalem by the Architect Albert E. Epstein and the painter Bassel Schatz. From the point of view of graphic art education, this revolutionary but amazingly organic interior architectural, its lovely colour scheme, its daring copper work and frescoes are far more important than a dozen exhibitions. Bassel Berger and Novak have given a most sumptuous sum in works of art without which most probably they could have sold the same number of exposures.

The music throughout was a symphony of commonplace and worn out academic devices, and most obvious in its childish pathos: and all this by composers who especially in the case of Mr. Negrao, might otherwise write works of individual integrity instead of giving us no more than moments of circumspect enjoyment. T.S.P.M.

MUSICAL DIARY

A symphony programme of Beethoven, Brahms with members of the Kat Tsvi Orchestra and other players. Conductor: Georg Stein. Soloist: F. Pernow, piano. T.R.C. Hall, Tel Aviv. Admission: 10 Shillings. P. Cestnay: Concerto for Piano and Orchestra: M. Negrao: Hungarian Suite: G.V. Draga: Festival Hall, Tel Aviv.

WITH the one exception of the Kat Tsvi Ensemble, all of the concert parties, who write works of art are active in Rumania today. High honours have been bestowed on all four by their Government. With the exception of Slobodan and his colleagues.

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Racial Exclusiveness Dented in S.E. Africa

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A 22-YEAR-OLD European girl has made history in South Africa by establishing her legal rights to be treated as a non-European. This is the first time since the Nationalist Government imposed the Immorality Act in 1950 that the authorities have allowed anybody to cross the official "colour line." The Immorality Act forbids any form of cohabitation between people of different races.

Roger Brooks was arrested last year for living with an Afrikaner police-sergeant, Richard Kumalo, by whom she had a child. Her home of the time was in an African township in Johannesburg. She dressed and lived like her African neighbours, wearing the customary doek on her head. She insisted on talking only Zulu to the police.

Regina and her husband were both sentenced to four months to stop living with him and to return to a European neighbourhood. Both appealed against the sentence. The Supreme Court

upheld the appeal on the grounds that the Crown had not established that Regina was a European within the meaning of the Immorality Act, although the judge said that she was "obviously European."

Both her parents are Europeans. They grew up on a farm in the Orange Free State in a predominantly Afrikaner en-

vironment. Her sister, who was married to an Afrikaner farmer, was subsequently separated from him after she had given birth to two children fathered by an African. From an early age, Regina had been told that she much preferred the company of Europeans to that of Africans.

Although she attended a school for white children and spent most of her time with African children. And she preferred playing with the children of her parents' servants rather than with her own brothers and sisters. She became more fluent in the language of the Coloured slaves than in any European language.

"I never really got on with the white people," she said in an interview after her arrest. "I did not feel at ease with the way they behaved and lived among themselves. But I loved the Africans and felt like one of them. I was far happier in their company. I feel that they are like brothers and sisters."

Report Blasts Policy

THE report of the British Royal Commission on East Africa, which was laid before Parliament this month, criticises many of the fundamental principles on which policy has been based in the three British East African territories. Although it does not directly touch on the Mau Mau rebellion in Kenya, or on the constitutional crisis in Uganda, it nevertheless has a strong bearing on the kind of policies which the three local governments may be expected to follow in dealing with these and other urgent economic and political problems.

The Commission's recommendations are based on a total repudiation of all forms of racial discrimination and colour bar policies in East Africa.

It sees the major problems in East Africa as arising from conditions of poverty and ignorance. The three territories are among the poorest, in terms of per capita output, in Africa. To overcome this poverty and to encourage the development of an expanding economy, the Commission proposes a two-prong policy based on the rapid diversification of the economy, accompanied by an agrarian revolution.

But such a policy can only be achieved, says the Commission, if racial exclusiveness and other parochial attitudes to land ownership are abandoned.

It implies that the Kenyan European settlers must be prepared, if necessary, to give up their exclusive ownership of the White Highlands and that Africans must be prepared to accept the sale of their land in some instances, to non-Africans.

Such views are dynamic in East Africa, where land is the touchstone of all politics. The Commission recognises this. And it therefore clarifies a scheme whereby agricultural developments may be diverted from sectional and other interests.

The Commission, with an eye on the Kenyan state of unrest, especially in Kenya, emphasises that the essential pre-requisites for its land and other reforms to succeed is the re-establishment of confidence where this has been impaired.

"This," it says, "will have to be followed by a careful and systematic fostering of support for the African population. This and should be to assist the active appreciation and concern of the people themselves."

Finally, the Royal Commission gives this warning: "If political objectives are allowed to stand in the way of the attainment of the economic objectives the cost will be great and cannot be ignored."

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Friday's Press

Kastner Judgment Criticized

COMMENT continues on the be placed before a higher instance who will emerge with a better balanced judgment. The editor of "Ma'ariv," however, is critical of the decision to appeal.

"Ha'oker" (General Zionist), on the other hand, notes that the judgment has brought the issue of the constitutionality of the Immorality Act into the public domain. "Zmanit" (Progressive) praises Judge Halevi's courage in sitting in judgment connected with the implications of the Immorality Act, while the paper's own editor has become accustomed to think that everything they do is automatically above public criticism. There is no other way out, the paper concludes, but that the Rescue Committee and its supporters place themes before the public in a clear and concise manner than in any European language.

"Hamodia" (World Agrada) says that the enemies of the Jewish people are rubbing their hands with glee over the Kastner spectacle and asking what will happen next. "Ha'aretz" (Arabist) states that the Comintern's

policy is to make the enemies of the Jewish people as weak as possible. "Ha'aretz" (Arabist) writes about the expanding services of El Al with the recent purchase of the Boeing, while "Ha'torah" (World Mizrahi) dwells on the Validation of Rabbi Nissim's election.

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